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SUBJECT: ARCTIC PIPELINES

1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE IN OTTAWA JORNAL  
OF JULY 20 BY BRUCE LEVETT OF CP DATELINED WASHINGTON,  
D.C. AND HEADED " U.S. BLAMES 'FLUCTUATING REPORTS' FOR  
MIX-UP OF CANADIAN VIEW":

BEGIN TEXT

THE STATE DEPARTMENT DENYING IT HAS MISLED THE  
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE OFFICIAL  
CANADIAN PIPELINE POLICY, SAID THURSDAY ITS ROLE WAS  
THAT OF A GO-BETWEEN CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE BY  
FLUCTUATING REPORTS FROM CANADA.

THEASSESSMENT WAS MADE BY A STATE DEPARTMENT  
SPOKESMAN SHORTLY AFTER A NEWS CONFERENCE IN WHICH  
PRESS OFFICER PAUL HARE SAID:

"WE BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE ACCURATELY AND OBJECTIVELY  
CONVEYED TO CONGRESS ALL INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO US BY  
THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT."

THE CHARGE THAT STATE HAD MISLED CONGRESS WAS  
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MADE EARLIER IN THE WEEK BY SENATOR WALTER MONDALE

(DEM. -MINN.) AND HAS LED TO A HIGH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL BEING CALLED BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO EXPLAIN. THE MEETING IS SET FOR MONDAY.

MONDALE HAS BEEN CHAMPION OF AN AMENDMENT IN THE SENATE WHICH CALLED FOR DELAY IN THE APPROVAL OF AN 800-MILE \$3.5 BILLION TRANS-ALASKA OIL LINE TO ALLOW TIME FOR STUDY OF A CANADIAN ALTERNATIVE. THE AMENDMENT LOST.

THE SENATOR CHARGED THE STATE DEPARTMENT WITH "A SERIES OF INTENTIONAL ATTEMPTS TO MISLEAD THE SENATE" AND QUOTED FROM A DEPARTMENTAL LETTER OF JUNE 22 SAYING "NEGOTIATION BY THE U.S. OF A PIPELINE AGREEMENT WITH CANADA DOES NOT APPEAR POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME.

MONDALE SAID THE LETTER "MISREPRESENTED THE CANADIAN POSITION."

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THERE "MAY HAVE BEEN SOME PROBLEM IN TRANSMISSION" OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTS BY THE U.S. EMBASSY IN OTTAWA TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON.

"CERTAINLY, NO-ONE IN CANADA THINKS THE STATE DEPARTMENT DELIBERATELY TRIED TO DISTORT THE CANADIAN POSITION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAD MADE PROMPT RESPONSE TO A STATE DEPARTMENT CALL FOR INFORMATION, "THEN LATER ATTEMPTED TO CLARIFY SOME POINT ON WHICH IT WAS FELT THERE MIGHT BE CONFUSION.

"A DISAPPOINTING AND UNFORTUNATE AMOUNT OF TIME ELAPSED BETWEEN THE TIME THE CLARIFICATIONS WERE COMMUNICATED TO THE U.S. EMBASSY IN OTTAWA AND THE TIME THEY GOT TO... THE SENATE," THE CANADIAN UNCLASSIFIED

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SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IF THE CANADIAN CLARIFICATION HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED IMMEDIATELY, THE SENATORS MIGHT HAVE BEEN SATISFIED."

THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE CANADIANS MODIFIED THEIR POSITION DURING AN EXCHANGE OF

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE EMBASSY  
IN OTTAWA. ONE EXAMPLE, HE SAID, WAS A CHANGE IN  
51-PERCENT OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS, LATER DROPPED SO  
FAR AS AN OIL LINE WAS CONCERNED.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID "THERE IS A  
PROBLEM OF TIMING INVOLVED" AND SAID COMPLETE DISCLOSURE  
WILL BE MADE ON MONDAY WHEN RUFUS Z. SMITH, DEPUTY  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CANADIAN AFFAIRS,  
TESTIFIES BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE.  
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